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Hillfield
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Surrey
14 Sept 1857

Dear Sir

My friend Sir W. G.
Hoover has given me
permission to write to you
as I want if you will kindly
give it me some information
about the residence of the
Prince of Salim Syah, and the
best means of getting a sight
of his valuable collection
of succulent plants - For
many years I have been
collecting & studying the



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succulent tribes of plants & I
believe I have now the best
private collection in this country.
To get my nomenclature right,
I am anxious to see Gulden's Dyck's
well worked collection, and
at the same time, to compare
notes on cultivation and ascertain
if exchanges of duplicates could
be made, as I have a number
of species of my own cultiva^tting
which I suppose the Prince does
not possess. Sir William has
sent me a letter from you
by which I perceive that
you have recently been at
Dyck's Castle and therefore
you will have little trouble

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I hope in telling me where
Byck Castle is situated &
how it can be best reached
I should also wish to know
if you will kindly inform
me if it is necessary when
I present myself at the
castle that I should have
a letter of introduction
to the Prince, for at the
present time I know of
no friend acquainted with
him and I must look out
abroad for an introducer
I understand that you are
likely to be in this country
shortly if so I trust I may
have the pleasure of seeing



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you here & excusing myself
personally for the trouble
I am giving you - Sir
W. J. Hooker now in Norfolk
returns to New York
Saturday - believe me
with much respect
Yours truly
F. Wilson Saunders

F. G. Engelman
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